



## **Pathways Taskforce**

**Update – September 17, 2014**

### **Background**

The Career Council established the Pathways Taskforce at its June 2016. Chaired by Lt. Governor Ellspermann, this taskforce is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Research, review, and disseminate best practices for career counseling;
- Oversee the implementation and monitor the success of completion bonus and return-to-complete higher education programs, as identified in the Career Council's strategic plan;
- Promote and monitor the expansion of work-and-learn programs and services; and
- Support and champion the implementation of integrated/coordinated career pathways among Indiana's education, job skills development, and career training system.

### **Taskforce Members**

The taskforce is composed of members of the Career Council and ad hoc members that have interest and expertise the duties assigned. Following is a list of all members of the taskforce:

<b>Council Members</b>	
Ellspermann, Lt. Gov. Sue (Chair)	Lt. Governor
Gaylor, JR	Associated Builders and Contractors
Hale, Rep. Christina	Indiana General Assembly
Hobbs, Gary	Managing Partner, BWI Companies
Ritz, SPI Glenda	Department of Education
Waldrop, Dan	IBEW
<b>Ad Hoc Members</b>	
Ancel, Sarah	Commission for Higher Education
Barnes, Mike	Family Social Services Administration
Delgado, Betsy	Goodwill Excel Center
Fleck, Matt	Fleck Education
Mackintosh, Marie	Department of Workforce Development
Marsh, Amy	Chamber of Commerce
Thomas, Calvin	Ivy Tech
Weisenbach, Lynne	Higher Education Consulting

## **Summary of Work To-Date**

The taskforce held its inaugural meeting in August. During the meeting, the taskforce reviewed its duties and began to discuss an action plan for completing its work. In order to gain insights into work that was already underway in the topic areas throughout the State, the taskforce received updates from the following individuals:

- Amy Marsh, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and Matt Fleck, Fleck Education, provided the taskforce with an overview of the Chamber's recent study of counseling throughout the State's school systems, and shared thoughts on next steps for the taskforce to consider.
- Sam Snideman, Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE), provided that taskforce with an overview of CHE's plans for a statewide return to complete program for individuals that had begun college but did not complete. Mr. Snideman also shared ideas on the completion bonus program that the Career Council included in its strategic plan.
- Janet Boston, Indiana InternNet, provided the taskforce with an overview of the work that InternNet is doing throughout the State, and shared ideas of how InternNet may be poised to partner with the Career Council to further work-and-learn programs in the State.

The taskforce's next meeting is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, when it will discuss career pathways work and begin to consider frameworks for expanding work-and-learn opportunities throughout the State.